

# 20 CHILDREN WERE BURNED OR CRUSHED

In Mad Rush to Escape From Parochial School at Peabody, Mass.—They Piled in Great Mass in Small Vestibule and Firemen Could Not Force Door Open

## MANY OTHERS JUMPED FROM HIGH WINDOWS

There Were About 600 Children in the Building at the Outbreak and For a Time They Made an Orderly Exit From Building in Charge of Sixteen Sisters

Peabody, Mass., Oct. 28.—Fire swept through a three-story brick building occupied by St. John's parochial school to-day, burning and driving to death in a panic probably 20 of the 600 boys and girls who had just assembled for their daily lessons. An hour later 12 bodies had been removed from a vestibule, where a jam of terrified children resulted in the greatest loss of life.

Many others were injured in their flight down the stairway, and some jumped from windows on the third floor of the building. The students ranged in age from 7 to 13 years and were in charge of 16 sisters.

When the flames broke out, the sisters marshaled the children as if for a fire drill and started them from the building. The procession was orderly until those from the third floor began a rush for the street. The smaller children fell under the larger ones, and the firemen could not force an entrance. The 16 sisters in charge of the school escaped.

It is supposed that the flames started in the basement. Some think it was caused by an explosion. The firemen fought the fire from ladders raised to the windows.

A large percentage of the children were of foreign parentage. The bodies of the victims were burned beyond recognition. The first alarm brought hundreds of distracted people to the scene. They tried to approach the building, passing the police lines until the flames drove them back.

The building was constructed of brick and wood and the flames spread through the structure in less than five minutes. All the boys and girls except one, who died later in a hospital, were burned or crushed to death as they fled from the building. There was great difficulty in determining who escaped, as many of the pupils were rushed home by their parents before the checking of the scholars was concluded.

## NOTE TO BRITAIN IS ON ITS WAY

Protest Against Interference with Commerce Will Be Presented Next Week by Ambassador Page.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 28.—America's long considered protest against British interference with commerce between the United States and Europe has been dispatched to London by special messenger and will be presented by Ambassador Page at the British foreign office next week.

It became known yesterday that the note, which is about 10,000 words long, and covers exhaustively the argument of the American government on all phases of interference with neutral trade, was approved by the president last Saturday and started on its way to London Sunday. Alexander W. Kirk, third secretary of the American embassy at Berlin, who had returned to Washington carrying documents from Ambassador Gerard, was entrusted with the mission on his return journey to Berlin.

## GOVERNMENT APPEALS

In Anti-Trust Suit Against United States Steel Corporation.

Trenton, N. J., Oct. 28.—The government's petition for an appeal to the United States supreme court in the anti-trust suit against the United States Steel corporation was filed in federal court to-day. The appeal asserts a bearing in the highest court.

## FUNERAL OF AUTO VICTIM

Burial of Young Mark Wells Was in Montpelier.

The funeral of Mark Wells, young son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wells of Northfield, who was fatally injured when struck and run over by an automobile driven by E. L. Allen of Burlington, who was driving through Northfield Tuesday afternoon, was held from the home of his grandfather, J. F. Rogers, on Van Hook street in Montpelier this afternoon. Rev. F. J. Long of St. Augustine's church officiating. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery in Montpelier.

## GOT BULLET IN HEAD AS TRIED TO ESCAPE

Soldier at Fort Ethan Allen Shot by Sentinel Who Had Repeatedly Warned Him to Halt—Skull Was Fractured.

Burlington, Oct. 28.—Joseph Suckofsky, a private of Troop G, second United States cavalry, stationed at Fort Ethan Allen, was shot and very seriously, if not fatally, wounded early yesterday afternoon when he was attempting to escape from the sentinel, a member of L troop, who had him in charge, working him on the road just east of the reservation.

Suckofsky, who was placed in the guard house at the post Tuesday night, was put at work with two others on the road under a sentinel yesterday, working a pick. Early in the afternoon he asked permission to go to the rear, which was granted by the sentinel, who sent a man with him. After he had returned and had been at work a short time he turned to the guard with the question "What would you do if I should attempt to run away?" "I would stop you," was the reply. He turned back to his work for a few minutes and then, throwing down his pick, he started to walk away. When asked where he was going he made no reply other than quickening his pace. The guard then ordered him to halt, but the man kept on going toward the bank east of the electric car track. The guard, who followed, again ordered the prisoner to halt, with the result that the man jumped over the bluff and started for the railroad track. The guard, who had at that time reached the top of the bank, ordered him, for the third time, to come to halt, but the man hastened his gait and started to run up the track. The shout "Stop or I will shoot" made no impression and the guard then shot into the ground in the direction of the running prisoner, as a warning and proceeded to chase him up the track. The man had a good start, however, and it was then that the sentinel raised his rifle and shot to wound, the man being fully 270 yards away at the time.

The prisoner crumpled up the bullet taking effect, and when he was reached by the sentinel and others working in the vicinity it was at 7/8 of 8 o'clock that he was dead. The bullet had penetrated the back of the head and come out at the front. Suckofsky was immediately rushed to the post hospital and an operation followed, performed by Major Wallace DeWitt and Dr. F. E. Clark of this city. A fractured skull was found. The skull was lifted and parts of it and the blood clots removed. Following the operation the patient appeared to rally slightly, but his condition is very grave, and his chances for recovery are considered to be very slight.

Suckofsky is 21 years of age and enlisted at Fort Slocum, N. Y., on March 2, 1915. He was detailed to the 2d cavalry and has been a member of G troop since May 22. His father, Louis Suckofsky, resides at 448 East 171st street in New York.

## RUSSIAN FLEET IS BOMBARDING

Began Attack on Varna, Bulgaria, at 4 A. M. Wednesday, According to Dispatch From Bucharest.

Rome, Oct. 29.—A Bucharest dispatch filed yesterday says the Russians have begun an attack on the seacoast of Bulgaria. The fleet arrived at 4 o'clock in the morning and immediately began a bombardment on Varna. The shelling still was proceeding at 11 o'clock. Considerable damage has been done.

## CAPTURED 2,000 SERBIANS.

Austro-German Invasion Pushed Further Southward.

Berlin, Oct. 28.—The Austro-German invasion of Serbia has been pushed further south. The German official report claims further ground has been gained and that Von Gallwitz' army has captured 2,000 prisoners.

## DENIES PEACE REPORT.

Von Buelow Not To Visit Madrid and Then United States.

London, Oct. 28.—A message from Zurich denies the report that Von Buelow probably will go to Madrid and then to the United States to discuss peace proposals.

## WINS CENT FROM BROTHER.

West Bolton Woman Also Maintains Right and Title to a Cow.

Burlington, Oct. 28.—After deliberating but ten minutes yesterday in the county court case of Ellen Phillips vs. George P. Streeter, the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff to recover damages of one cent and costs. The work of hearing the case was begun immediately after court convened at 9 o'clock, and by the middle of the afternoon the jury had returned their verdict. The suit was brought to decide the title to a cow sold by the plaintiff to her brother, the defendant, in 1914. The next spring she repurchased the cow and has the animal in her possession. The plaintiff alleged that she had resold the cow to the defendant, but claimed that she was not to part with her title until payment was made, which has not been done. The defendant claimed that there was no such restriction and that the cow was sold outright to him, and that he was to have until July 1 to pay for her. The defendant insisted that the cow was his and that the only remedy which the plaintiff had for the non-payment of the money was to sue for the purchase price of \$25. The verdict gave the plaintiff the right to retain the cow as well as to recover \$25 nominal damages and her costs.

## FORMER GOVERNOR ROLLINS.

Died at Hotel in Boston After Three Months' Illness.

Boston, Oct. 28.—Frank W. Rollins, former governor of New Hampshire, generally regarded as the originator of the "old man's work," died at a hotel in this city last night. Mr. Rollins, whose home was at Concord, N. H., had been ill for three months with a heart affection.

# SERBIA OUTLOOK BETTER

Bulgarians Are Reported to Have Withdrawn from Uskup, but the Report, Which Comes from Athens, Has Not Been Confirmed

## INVADERS RETREATED ON ANOTHER FRONT

Fierce Battle Is Reported to Have Been Fought on the Veles-Komanova Front—In Eastern Arena Germans May Have Changed Position Against Riga

London, Oct. 28.—Unofficial reports from Greek sources represent the situation in southern Serbia as somewhat more favorable to the entente allies. An unconfirmed Athens dispatch states that the Bulgarians have withdrawn from Uskup. Saloniki advices describe a fierce battle along the Veles-Komanova front with the Bulgarians retreating. Hope is being revived here that the Serbians will be able to re-form their lines along the Monastir front.

The Germans, having effected a junction with the Bulgarians, it is possible that the campaign will be shifted from an effort to relieve Serbia to an attempt to cut communication with Constantinople. Military critics declare the entente allies are unlikely to withdraw from Saloniki regardless of what happens to Serbia.

Riga and Dvinsk remain the chief German objectives on the eastern front. The direction of the German assault against Riga may have been changed. Fighting is reported west of the city, the main attacks against which hitherto have been directed from the southwest and the southeast.

Comparative inactivity prevails on the other fronts.

## BRITISH CRUISER RUNS AGROUND

All the Officers and Crew Saved, But It Is Feared the Vessel May Become a Total Wreck.

London, Oct. 28.—The admiralty has announced that the British cruiser Argyll was grounded to-day off the east coast of Scotland. All officers and the crew were saved. Owing to the bad weather prevailing, the admiralty fears that the vessel may become a total wreck.

## AUSTRIAN TRENCHES 'CHOKED WITH BODIES'

Italian Troops Discovered When They Stormed Hostile Positions on Upper Cordevole—An Artillery Train Surprised and Damaged.

Rome, Wednesday, via Paris, Thursday, Oct. 28.—Italian advances on the heights of Santa Lucia and opposite Tolmino, and the capture of a field fort southeast of Ghibina, were recorded in an official statement issued to-night by the war office, which says:

"From new positions, one on the right bank of the Adige, which commands communications at the bottom of the valley, our artillery Oct. 25 surprised and seriously damaged one of the enemy's military trains moving toward San Lario station, north of Rovereto."

"On upper Cordevole, Oct. 26, we stormed another fort, filled with hostile troops. We found the enemy's trenches choked with bodies. In the Monte Nero zone on the night of the 26th and 27th, the enemy in great numbers tried to attack our positions above Vofel. We allowed them to come within a short distance, then moved down and dispersed them with our cross fires. Our offensive accomplished fresh progress on the height of San Lucia and opposite Tolmino, where we made 21 prisoners."

"In the Flava zone we captured a field fort southeast of Ghibina on the Carso front. Heavy bombardment by two batteries continued throughout the day."

## FRENCH CABINET REORGANIZING

Violent Disagreement as Premier But Will Remain as Minister of Justice—Believed To Be Premier.

Paris, Oct. 28.—France's war cabinet is in process of reorganization. Premier Clemenceau has resigned and become President of the Council of Ministers. Various rumors as to the formation of a new cabinet are in circulation.

## EMPLOYER NOT LIABLE

For Injury to Employee Who Lost Hand in an Ensilage Cutter

LATTER HAD SUE FOR NEGLIGENCE

He Himself Had Fashioned Machine Out of Old Straw Cutter

St. Albans, Oct. 28.—In Franklin county court to-day a verdict was returned for the defendant in the case of Peter Real vs. Augustus Marcette, the case coming from Cambridge.

Real alleged that the defendant was negligent in not furnishing an ensilage cutter with proper safety devices. Real was employed by Marcette and he fashioned an ensilage cutter out of an old straw cutter. While operating the ensilage cutter his right arm became drawn in and the hand was cut off and the arm broken at the wrist. The verdict held that Marcette was not liable.

The case of state vs. Elwyn J. Courser of Richmond, charged with criminal assault on Miss Ora Cheney, was taken up this morning.

## MONTPELIER NOT PLEASED WITH LIGHTS

Council Considered Last Night the Possibility of Having a Municipal System—Company Offered to Make Some Changes.

Expressing dissatisfaction over the existing lighting condition of Montpelier's streets under the present contract with the Consolidated Lighting company, the Montpelier city council at the regular meeting last evening instructed the lighting committee to investigate the possibilities of a municipal lighting system, engaging expert assistance if necessary.

Mayor Boutwell brought up the proposition and apparently voiced the opinion of the remainder of the council when he intimated that the city was not getting satisfactory results from the Tenney company's subsidiary.

Temporary conditions will be improved somewhat, as the council voted to accept an offer made from the lighting company. A letter was read from the company to the mayor, in which it was stated that the company is now able to recommend an improved type of tungsten street lamp of 60 candlepower, consuming approximately the same amount of power as the 40-candlepower lamp now being used. The company offered to substitute the larger candlepower lights without additional cost, the only provision being that the substitution be made as soon as possible and not be obliged to substitute all new lamps at once. The council voted to authorize the change.

Delinquent payers of the water rent now long overdue will have their water supply cut off unless they pay all arrears immediately, according to a vote taken, instructing the water superintendent to notify delinquents to that effect. The council is authorized to take such action under the provisions of the city charter.

The petition received by the council from State street merchants asking that the signs advising travelers of the closed highway be located near the bridge, was referred to the police committee with power to act. The merchants in their petition assert that the signs in their present position at the head of the street makes their business suffer.

To the mayor, superintendent of water works and Aldermen Ryan and Parker was left the matter of disposing of any or all property at Berlin pond. There is some property at the pond, it is understood, which is doing no one any good whatsoever, and the property may be disposed of.

A letter was read from the Travelers' Insurance company, informing the council that settlement had been made with the J. P. Gleason estate for damage done when the city automobile truck ran into the corner of the Gleason block on September 15.

Mayor Boutwell appointed Aldermen Kent and Parker as a committee to investigate the matter of insurance rates on city property and to report at a future meeting. This matter was brought up by Alderman Kent, who did some investigating to gain an idea whether or not the city could save any money on the insurance now carried.

## COPPINS—WHEELER.

Montpelier Man and Cabot Woman Married Last Evening.

Miss Ada Wheeler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nate Wheeler of Cabot, and Ray Elmer Coppin of Montpelier were quietly married at the home of the groom's mother, Mrs. Nina Coppin, in Montpelier, last evening. The bride was handsomely groomed in a traveling suit of navy blue and wore a picture hat.

The couple entered the room to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Miss Pearl Desnoyers, and stood under an arch of smiles and congratulations, from which was suspended a white dove.

After the ceremony there was a delightful informal reception, at which the newly wedded couple were greeted by their friends, following which delightful refreshments were served.

Later Mr. and Mrs. Coppin left by auto with Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler as their destination. Only intimate friends and relatives attended the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Coppin are both well-known Montpelier people. Mr. Coppin has been employed by the Barre & Montpelier Traction & Power company for several years. They received many beautiful presents, which included silver, cut glass, china and linen.

## BARRE DEALERS TO INSURE SELVES

Paid \$89,087.45 in Premiums During Five Years, and Total Loss in That Time Was Only \$10,110.50—Claim They Are Paying Too Much.

Figures set forth by Sec. Harold P. Hinman of the Barre Granite Manufacturers' association in a special report made to the board of directors at a meeting last evening of such a revealing nature that action was taken forthwith in the direction of organizing a mutual fire insurance company to supplant the insurance which Barre manufacturers are carrying with private companies. The manufacturers declare that the rates are so prohibitive that a decided stand is imperative, and to that end the directors authorized Sec. Hinman to arrange an early conference with Secretary of State Guy W. Bailey and the state insurance commissioners.

Three months of exhaustive research are represented in the report, which covers in detail the fire losses and the premiums paid on granite manufacturing property in the Barre granite belt for a period of 15 years. Barre, Montpelier, Waterbury, Northfield, West Berlin, East Barre and Williamstown stoneshop properties were the objects of investigation, which was not limited to the property owned by manufacturers connected with the association.

"Barre manufacturers absolutely refuse any longer to pay for fire losses incurred in other towns and cities in the granite district," said Sec. Hinman in a statement issued to-day. In the five years, 1910-1914, inclusive, fire losses of \$10,110.50 were sustained by Barre City manufacturers, and the premiums paid amounted to \$89,087.45, which, the manufacturers hold, indicates a pretty fair margin for the insurance companies.

More than that, the principal losses in the five-year period mentioned above were greater than the total losses in the previous ten years, a circumstance which is said to show that the prohibitive rates, as they are described, did not operate solely in the five-year period mentioned in the first instance. Estimates based on reliable figures laboriously compiled show that in the period of 1900-1915, inclusive, the Barre City granite manufacturers paid premiums of \$150,000 more than the fire losses, which amounted to little more than \$18,000. In five years, from 1910 to 1914, inclusive, Barre City was the only place, excepting West Berlin, where the premiums were greater than the losses.

The immediate cause of this decided opposition on the part of the Barre City manufacturers to paying what they regard as exorbitant rates is laid to the heavy increase ordered by the insurance companies nearly two years ago. Opposition manifested at that time, when the insurers notified the manufacturers of their decision to raise the rates, led to the gathering of the data submitted to the directors last night. Additional statistics compiled from city reports, in which a detailed statement of each fire is printed, show that practically all of the fires recorded in the Barre City manufacturing belt broke out during working hours. In reviewing the fire losses of other granite manufacturing cities and towns in the district, it is shown that the proportion of fires which occurred at night is much larger. Owing to the efficiency of Barre's fire department, damaging fires have been kept down to a surprising minimum, and there is a feeling that the protection thus afforded by adequate equipment and trained fire fighters should come in for some degree of recognition from the insuring companies.

Directors of the association say they are in earnest and that the mutual company which the joint conference contemplates is to become a reality. Sec. Hinman got in touch with the secretary of state to-day.

## FOOD FAIR GREAT SUCCESS.

Ladies of Woman's Club Had Excellent Patronage.

Last night saw the close of the food fair, one of the most successful ventures ever attempted by the Woman's club. Howland hall was crowded with people, who were unanimous in pronouncing it "the best ever." The booths were well patronized, and the program was well applauded.

The program consisted of Scotch songs by Harry Clark, a trombone solo by Kenneth Gale, an exhibition of Indian club swinging by George Murray, and solo by James Bennett, all of which met the hearty appreciation of the audience.

From a financial, as well as from a social and educational standpoint, the fair was a marked success, for, aside from the money which the ladies received from the rent of floor space for the booths, no mean sum was realized from admission fees and the sale of articles.

The standing committee upon whom devolved the preparation and management of the fair and to whom is largely due its successful issue consists of the following ladies: Mrs. N. D. Phelps, Mrs. J. W. Vaughan, Mrs. Ed. M. Tobin, Mrs. Agnes Williams, Mrs. J. J. Goodwin, Mrs. P. D. Moll, Mrs. E. A. Brown, Mrs. Carrie Brooks, Mrs. Arthur Young, Mrs. E. P. Carter, Mrs. Frank Robinson, Mrs. Oscar Anderson. The net proceeds from the fair will amount to about \$200.

## IN PROBATE COURT

Considerable Amount of Business Settled or Started.

In probate court at Montpelier to-day (Tuesday) M. Willey of Barre was appointed executor of the last will and testament of Oscar J. G. Willey; Olive A. Russell of Northfield was appointed administratrix of the estate of Mary M. Reed, late of Northfield; John L. Spaulding of Warren settled his accounts as administrator of the estate of William P. Harmon, late of Warren; Peril R. Daniels settled his accounts as administrator of the estate of Royal Lovett, late of Warren; Fred M. Long of Warren settled his accounts as guardian for James Lovett; W. William E. Loomis of Barre was appointed guardian of Ruth Averill, a minor, of Barre.

## Notice to Users of City Water.

The city water supply will be shut off between 9 A. M. and 1 P. M. Sunday, Oct. 31, for the purpose of flushing the system.

## TWO ENTERED PLEA OF GUILTY

After Respondent in Similar Case Was Found Guilty

## GALFETTI CONVICTED AFTER JURY TRIAL

Spinnelli and Followed with Through Their Attorneys

Following a verdict of guilty in the case of state vs. Eugene Galfetti, charged with breach of the peace, two other respondents, Ariosto Spinnelli and Francesco Balconi, likewise charged, entered pleas of guilty in Washington county court to-day. Their offences were committed on March 31, last, during the height of the labor disturbance in Barre. Sentence in each case was deferred.

The verdict of guilty in the Galfetti case was returned last night at 9:15 o'clock, the case having been given to the jury at 5 o'clock. The jury came in once for instructions and returned shortly after that with a verdict.

Galfetti was charged with striking Alexander Rae on Brook street on the afternoon of March 31. The case was started Tuesday morning. State's Attorney Gleason and Grand Juror William Wishart of Barre represented the state and R. A. Hoar and A. G. Fay were counsel for the respondent. In Barre city court Galfetti, tried on the same charge, was convicted and sentenced to not less than ten nor more than twelve months in the house of correction.

An information was filed by the state's attorney yesterday afternoon against B. Giovannelli of Northfield and a capias issued, he being charged with carrying concealed weapons, the date mentioned being June 27, 1915. Giovannelli was arrested some time ago and has been in jail since. Bail was fixed yesterday at \$1,000, which he was unable to furnish. After a plea of guilty was entered in that case, state vs. Balconi was called, and Attorney J. Ward Carver, representing the respondent, entered a plea of guilty. The three respondents were placed under bonds until sentence is pronounced.

The trial of Raffaele Mastriani, charged with impeding an officer, will probably be started to-morrow morning. The respondent has been out on bail.

## DEATH OF GEORGE MITCHELL.

He Had Been Ill Four Weeks With Typhoid Fever.

George Mitchell, a Barre granite cutter, passed away at the City hospital last night, after a four weeks' illness. Death was due to typhoid fever, with which Mr. Mitchell was stricken while residing in a boarding house on Granite street. So far as could be learned to-day, there are no near relatives residing in the city, although his uncle, Adam Wood, lives on Seminary street. A sister, Mrs. William Dickie, who resides in Waterbury, arrived in Barre this afternoon. Mr. Mitchell's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. William Mitchell, live in Aberdeen, Scotland, as does a sister. His brother is a member of the 2nd Dragoons, Scotch Greys, and is at present with his regiment at the front somewhere in France.

Mr. Mitchell came to America 10 years ago and had been employed here in Barre for some time. Until recently he worked at the Herbert & Ladrie plant in the north end. He was born in Aberdeen 29 years ago. The remains were removed from the hospital to A. W. Budget & Co.'s mortuary chapel in the Mason block, where arrangements for the funeral are to be made later.

## NEED MOTOR FIRE TRUCK.

Montpelier Horse-drawn Apparatus Had Long Run Last Evening.

The Montpelier fire department responded shortly before 9 o'clock last evening to a call from the home of Fred Thomas on the Westover branch road, a kitchen chimney having caught fire from unknown cause. The run was one of the longest made by the department for some months, the house being located over two miles from the station, and the blaring cabinet had been carried from the house before the double team arrived. To the neighbors on the Westover branch road, the fire in the kitchen chimney seemed the worst in the kitchen. The chimney contained dishes and kitchen utensils.

The end of a motor truck was never more forcefully emphasized than by the fire last evening, it taking about twelve minutes for the horse-drawn apparatus to make the run, when a motor truck could have probably covered the ground in one third of the time. A striking example of this was made when an automobile came in the fire station, where the call came to the fire station, where the fire truck was on the way, took Chief Patton and two chemical tanks along and reached the scene of the fire several minutes ahead of the team.